

January 26, 2004

MEDIA ADVISORY – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEWS CONFERENCE ON SPECIAL FORUM TO IMPROVE CIVILITY AMONG LAWYERS

WHO: David Rolewick, chairman of the Special Supreme Court Committee on Professionalism; Terrence Lavin, president of the Illinois State Bar Association; and W. Scott Hanken, president of the Sangamon County Bar Association.

WHAT: A news conference on efforts to recommend ways to improve civility among lawyers and the public image of lawyers. With the assistance of the Illinois State Bar Association, the Special Supreme Court Committee continues to hold a series of forums statewide where lawyers and judges will discuss ways to control excesses that sometimes occur during litigation.

One of the issues is where and how to draw the line between zealous advocacy on behalf of clients and “Rambo-like” tactics designed to aggravate or block the opposition. The statewide series of forums was launched September 10, 2003 in Peoria.

WHEN: Wednesday, January 28, 2004 - 1:30 p.m., just before the start of the forum.

WHERE: Hilton Hotel, 700 E. Adams Street, Springfield

–30–

(FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Joseph Tybor, press secretary to the Illinois Supreme Court at 312-793-2323; or David Anderson, ISBA assistant executive director at 217-416-1425)